

# News Release



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## **Re-live the sights, smells and sounds of the past!**

Hear real stories of pre-gold rush California, Saturday, April 1, 2006 from 10AM to 4PM during Sutter's Fort Living History Day. Visitors will have the opportunity to talk with the settlers and tradesmen of the fort as if it was April 1846. Re-live the sights, smells and sounds of the past! Captain Sutter, Mexican soldiers, immigrant families, carpenters, bakers, spinners, trappers, and others, portrayed by the Living History Volunteers, will bring history alive.

### **A reporter of the time may have filed this story:**

*"April 1846: The Mexican government of Alta California has sent a party of Mexican soldiers to Sutter's Fort to investigate rumors of increasing numbers of American emigrants settling near there. The government is concerned that the Americans will try to take control of the vast Central Valley and declare it a separate country from the rest of Mexican-held Alta California. The soldiers will check the passports of all travelers and the hunting licenses of trappers.*

*Reports of trouble between the emigrants and Captain Sutter have made the soldiers more cautious when dealing with the Americans. Although Captain Sutter says he can control the people in his fort, there have been harsh words, threats and insults against the owner of the New Helvetia grant.*

*It is now quiet at Captain Sutter's Fort, but the atmosphere is tense and there are rumors of further hostilities. The long, wet days of winter have been trying for the new settlers and trades people. No one is sure what will happen next."*

Admission fee: \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children 6 to 12, children five and under are free.

California State Parks, in cooperation with the Sacramento Historic Sites Association, presents the Sutter's Fort Living History Program.

Sutter's Fort is located at 2701 L Street, Sacramento. 916-445-4422.

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